MR. S. KAMESAM : The original idea was to put up a temporary bridge and later it was decided to have a bridge with a greater capacity of loading.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : May I know why the construction was delayed over too much ?

MR. S. KAMESAM : I don't think there was any delay, but in my opinion I think it was finished in a short time considering the span of the bridge and the approaches to it.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the department is quite confident that the bridge is safe in view of the frequent occurrence of floods ?

MR. S. KAMESAM : Yes, Sir.

Thottappalli Bridge.

253. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala* ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the estimated cost of the Thottappalli Bridge ;

(*b*) the cost of the fallen bridge at Thottappalli ;

(*c*) whether the fallen bridge was used as such for reconstruction of the present bridge ;

(*d*) whether any additional amount was spent for the present bridge ;

(*e*) what amount has been already spent for the two approach roads at Thottappalli :

(*f*) what is the estimated cost of the approach roads ;

(*g*) what is the total amount spent hitherto for the Thottappalli Bridge including the two approach roads ;

(*h*) what are the varieties of timber used for the said bridge and the quantity of each ;

(*i*) whether any Ascu treatment was done for the timber so used;

(*j*) what is the amount for such treatments ;

(*k*) what will be the approximate cost of making an iron bridge at Thottappalli instead of the wooden bridge constructed now ;

(*l*) whether Mr. Kamesam has given a guarantee for the duration of the Thottappalli bridge ;

(*m*) if so, the period of guarantee ; and

(*n*) when the Ascu treatment was discovered ?

MR. S. KAMESAM: (*a*) Rs. 1,38,000 according to P. W. D. design originally sanctioned including approaches.

(*b*) Rs. 14,000.

(*c*) Yes, with slight replacement of parts wherever needed.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About Rs. 10,000.

(*f*) About Rs. 17,000.

(*g*) Rs. 22,369.

(*h*) 1000 Cft. of teak and 200 Cft. of maruthi

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(*i*) Yes (Maruthi only).
(*j*) 4 annas per Cft.
(*k*) 50 per cent more.
(*l*) This was not considered necessary.
(*m*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*l*) above.
(*n*) 1933.

Memorial from the members of the Varnava Community.

254 *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial in the name of the Varnava Community praying for a notification being issued to the effect that the section of the people known under different names (Pathiyans, Vannan, Mannan, Chayakkaran, Pandy Vannan, Purathon, Ettaly, Puravan, Velan, Nerian) of the Varnava Samajam should be treated as coming under the same name of Varnavas ;

(*b*) whether they have taken any action with regard to the above-said memorial ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature and extent ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

MR. KAIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : ഈ മെമ്മോറിയലിന്മേൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും നടപടി നടത്താതിരുന്നതിനു കാരണം എന്താണെന്നു ദയവായി പറയുമോ ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Government consider, Sir, that no action is necessary at present.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ഇതിന്മേൽ അനുകൂലമായ ഉത്തരവു പാസാക്കാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN I cannot promise that Sir.

Statement, by caste, of the officers in the Public Works Department.

255. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers in the Public Works Department drawing a pay of above Rs. 25 ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : The time and labour involved in furnishing the information required by the member will be out of all proportion to its utility.

Contract for the transportation of Diesel Oil.

256. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

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